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UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
REGION III
1650 Arch Street
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19103-2029

August 21, 2000

Honorable Robert T. Price, Mayor
City of Sharon Municipal Building
155 West Connelly Boulevard
Sharon, PA 16146

RE: Westinghouse Sharon Superfund Site
Request for Ground Water Ordinance

Dear Mayor Price:

This letter concerns the former Westinghouse Electric Corporation Sharon Transformer Plant located on Sharpsville Avenue in Sharon. As you know, the Plant is listed on the federal government's National Priorities List of Superfund sites as the Westinghouse Electric (Sharon) Site. The ground water at the Site is contaminated and must be addressed according to the cleanup requirements of the Superfund law. A basic requirement of the Superfund law is that the "cleanup" methods chosen for addressing contamination must be protective of public health and the environment. One of the best ways to assure that public health is protected from contaminated ground water is to prevent the public from using that ground water.

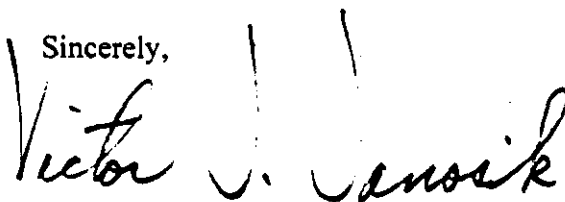
Representatives of Viacom Corporation (formerly CBS, formerly Westinghouse) have surveyed the area near the Site for users of ground water and have found none. Also, the area in the vicinity of the Site, as part of the City of Sharon, is provided with potable water by the public water supply system. These conditions provide some assurance that the ground water in the area is not being used. They are not enough, however, to assure the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) that Site-related contaminated ground water will not be used in the future by residents or businesses in the area. In order to provide an added measure of protectiveness, EPA requests that the City of Sharon promulgate an ordinance or ordinances that would restrict the drilling of ground water wells for residential, commercial or industrial purposes. To this end, EPA, Viacom, and the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (PADEP) would like to meet with you and/or your representatives to discuss the development of an ordinance that would provide the needed ground water use restrictions. (You might recall that Viacom

previously submitted to you, for your information, an example of an ordinance that was enacted by another Pennsylvania municipality.)

I would be very appreciative if you would have your scheduling secretary contact me as soon as possible regarding dates and times that you or your representative(s) will be available in September so that a meeting to discuss this matter can be arranged. I can be contacted at 215-814-3217.

Thank you for your attention to this important concern.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Victor J. Janosik". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Victor" being more prominent.

Victor J. Janosik
Remedial Project Manager (3HS22)

CC: Gordon Taylor, Viacom Corporation
Charles Tordella, PADEP
Patrick Gaughan, EPA (Wheeling)

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